

Cereal Box Mask

Description:

Children will create a Native American mask from a cereal box.

Materials:

empty cereal box, craft sticks, markers, construction paper, yarn, glue, feathers, paint, paintbrushes, water and containers

Recommended: pictures of masks for reference

Standards: 4 and 6

Concepts: Pattern, balance, form, and shape

Level: Pre K-3



Procedure:

After looking at pictures of various masks, your child will create a decorative mask that is similar to those made by Native Americans for ritual dances and sacred ceremonies. Have your child cover the cereal box with construction paper and use markers or paint to draw features on it. Acrylic paint works best, but tempera or poster paint can be used if a touch of white glue is added. Your child can draw Native American patterns or symbols on the mask, and decorate it with yarn, feathers, and craft sticks colored with markers. Encourage her to create a fantastic mask that can be hung on the wall.

Extension:

Look at the masks of various cultures and come up with ways to create masks of other kinds. Your child can create a mask by cutting an oval shape out of a piece of cardboard or poster paper, or by using papier mâché or plaster strips. Find books on mask making at the library, or look on the Internet for lots of wonderful ideas.

Just for Kids:

Masks are important in many cultures. They are used in the theater, in cultural or religious ceremonies, and for decorative effect. Sometimes masks represent different characters or emotions. You will make a Native American mask from a cereal box. When you have decorated the mask, look for other kinds of masks that you can make.

Resources:

Web:

Art.com: www.art.com

Masks: www.masks.org

KinderArt: www.kinderart.com/multic

Books:

Masks Tell Stories by Carol Gelber

Masks! by Alice K. Flanagan

